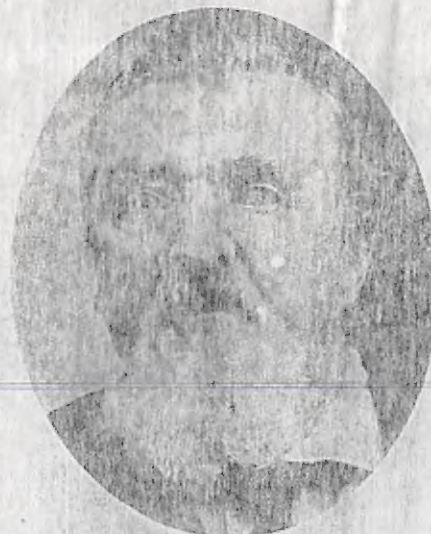
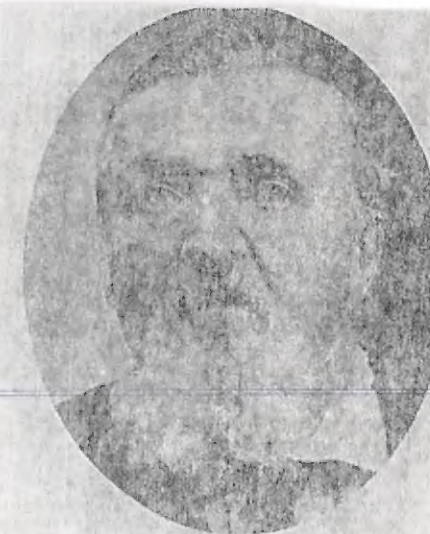


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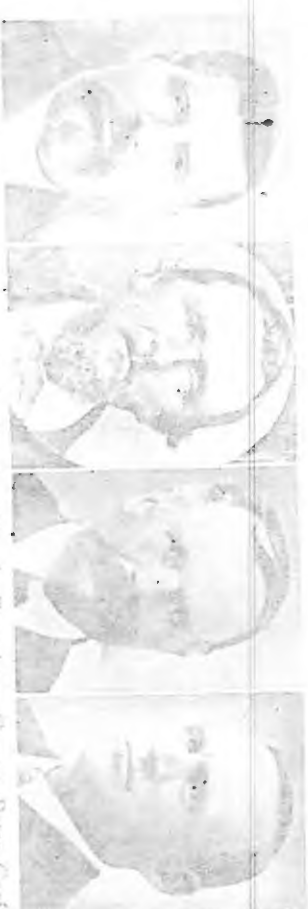
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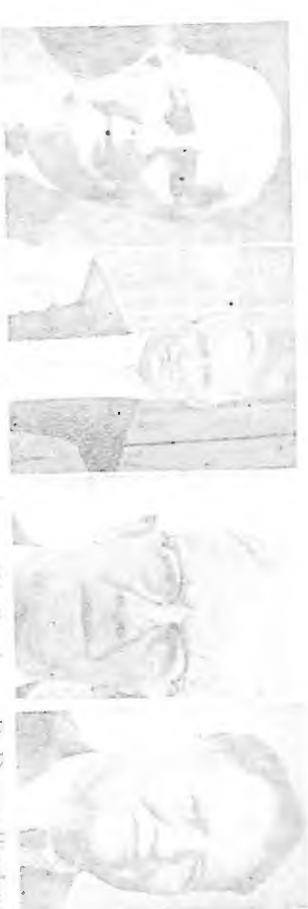
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# FRANCIS KERBY II AND MARY LE CARNU



Francis Kerby II was born on the Isle of Jersey (English Channel island) on August 17, 1821, of wealthy Scotch and English parents.

His wife, Mary Le Carnu, was born September 16, 1823, of French parents, John Le Carnu and Mary Remond.

## Francis Kerby was the painter of the

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Francis Kerby was baptized by Elder Dunbar of Salt Lake City, July 4, 1840, and his wife, July 12, 1849. They were baptized in the face of fierce opposition from their Church of England, their parents, and families.

As Francis was a college graduate and spoke French fluently, he was called on two missions to France, and later another mission to Sheffield, England, where he was president of the Sheffield conference. He was a High Priest.

Mary was a very capable business woman, who owned and operated her own shop. She also took care of the children while he was away serving on missions. All this time they were saving for their trip to Zion and they sailed for Boston with five children, March 26, 1858, arriving 23 days later. The voyage cost \$75. The receipt for the purchase of the tickets for this voyage are still in existence.

After a short time they went to New York where Francis presided over the New York branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He stayed there a year. His trade of painting and glazing helped the family in New York also later in Florence, Nebraska where they arrived May 28, 1859.

On July 6, 1860, "they had the privilege of crossing the plains," as Mr. Kerby put it, with the Oscar O. Stoddard lumber company. After many unbelievable hardships, they arrived in Salt Lake Valley, September 24, 1860. In their diary they wrote, "We arrived in the valley of Salt Lake after a pleasant journey." Could anyone today think of this as a pleasant journey?

They bought a lot, built a house and made a fine garden. His wife sold two of her fine silk dresses to buy a cow for the family. It was at this time Brigham Young called them to Walsburg, or Round Valley, as it was then known, and Francis worked at his trade in all surrounding towns.

They obtained 20 acres of land and with the help of their two oldest sons, they started to build their home. This frame house became the first house in Walsburg to have a wood floor and a shingle roof.

They were all good Church workers. Francis was a fluent speaker and also led the singing. Twice the Indians drove them back to Provo, but each time they returned.

Mary LeCarnu was always saving money to do work in St. George, Mant and Logan Temples. Since her husband and his oldest

sons had been working so hard on the Salt Lake Temple, her greatest desire was to work on the Salt Lake Temple. However, she died May 9, 1893, one month after the temple was dedicated.

Her husband kept the Walsburg Church records for many years. At this time he owned three farms besides the home, and all his buildings were in excellent condition. There were 10 children born to the couple, the youngest being Isabella Kerby. Our grandfather spent the latter years of his life with his two daughters, Isabella and her sister Harriet Meehan. He loved to read and took all Church papers. At the end, his eyesight failed, but his daughter Isabella's family was a great comfort to him. They loved him dearly. Due to his eyesight being bad, he struck his leg on a crate and the wound did not heal properly. Gangrene set in and he was taken home in the year 1915 at the age of 93. Had he not had this accident it was thought he would live to be 100.

Their children were: John, Mary, Alma, Harriet, Joseph, Eliza, Alice, Louisa Jane, and Isabella.